

the church is not entirely selfish and that church and pastor know something about the fellowship of the saints.

Is that blowing our own horn? I trust not. I simply mean to bear witness to the good deeds of a church of Jesus Christ. Not that it is perfect, but that the members are not asleep or dead.

A SURPRISE

Today wife and I were surprised. It was the first one ever perpetrated on us and it was complete. About 35 of our brethren and neighbors bumped over the rough roads to eat with the preacher the dinner they brought along. A very pleasant day was spent and Mrs. Gillin and I were richer by over \$6 when they left. The money was welcome, but did we not believe it only indicated their good wishes for us, it would be a horrible hypocrisy. And I might add, that these brethren do not thus give donations to their preacher in lieu of the salary they promised. God bless them! Pray for our work here. I preached at a union meeting of the churches of Waterloo, last Monday evening. Our work at Enon keeps up well. Pray that fruit may result.

J. L. GILLIN.

Millersburg Church, Iowa

I returned home from Norway, Ia., where I held two weeks meeting and where the brethren had never preached before, and as I told you in my last letter I would let you know what I thought of the field. I will say it was a hard field, plenty of Catholics there and a church house which is not used as they prefer to patronize the saloons, of which there are plenty. A German colony on one side, they attend only their own church; a Swedenburg church on the other side, they have quite a following, who deny that Jesus came in the flesh, and strain God's word thru the deluded mind of Swedenburg before they think it is pure enough to understand. Some years ago a rank infidel made himself notorious in scattering his tracts in the brotherhood. I found that two M. E. preachers were in here trying to do something, but the attendance was small, and my first meetings were small, but after a few days I got a full house and before I closed a packed house, and the interest was good, and after two weeks meeting I closed with 4 conversions, organized a King's Children society, and promised to give them regular meetings. Quite a number wanted me to stay another week but I had promised to return and take up the work that Brother Swadburg had commenced near Williamsburg, which I will do the coming Sunday night. Brother Swadburg held the fort nearly all the time I was gone only stopped a few days before I came back, and the people say he did well. Now this is a good field and if I do not succeed in getting quite a number of converts, I shall be inclined to think I do not know a good field from a hard one, a few weeks will tell what the Lord has in reservation along this

line. Pray for us brethren that we may have a glorious meeting.

The Norway meeting I regard as a great success and the few that took a stand for Jesus does not by a good deal tell the work done, but we verily believe that many more are nearing the kingdom. We met with some religious intolerance on the part of parents, but in time we think it will be overcome. It is a trying ordeal for those youthful hearts; my sympathy was so wrought upon that I had to take a real good cry, and you would of cried too, reader, if you have the love of God in your heart, you ought to have, for his dear children. The home church was looked after by Brother Swadburg while I was gone to their satisfaction, and with the help of the live K. C. Society they have, the pastor is not much missed, in fact I have reached that point. I think this church ought to stand alone in the strength and power of God, and give me a chance to stir up new fields. I have always stayed at home so close that I have done comparatively little preaching out of my own home church, and I do feel a little desire to work some away from home. I hope to report a good meeting soon.

JOHN A. MYERS.

Anderson, Ind.

I notice in Washington City Echoes by Brother Lyon, that a church building is now for sale, for \$5900, which we could not place there, including the price of the lot for less than \$10,000. He further says that we have donations and pledges already for \$1,000, that would leave \$4,900 to be raised to pay for this property and it would be ours.

Can that amount not be raised within the next 30 days? I believe it can. I will tell you how. I believe we have in our brotherhood 4,900 members who love the Lord's cause in Washington City well enough to give one dollar each, if our pastors would bring this proposition properly before them, many could and some doubtless would give \$5.00 for this purpose and all could be done within 30 days.

I am very poor, have no home, all I own in the world, put up and at auction would bring \$150.00 I have been in poor health for a year; I owe about \$50.00 and have no money at this time. Very few are in a worse condition than this, but I would like to see our mission prosper in Washington City. I will, and do hereby pledge and pay within 30 days one dollar, if the rest of you who are no worse off than I am will do the same, till the \$4,900 are raised. Get right to work, send in your dollars and pledges without fail within 30 days. This *can be done* and nobody feel any poorer or suffer thereby. Don't sleep or eat after you see this opportunity to help in this matter, till you have sent Brother Lyon one dollar, or your honest promise that you will do so within 30 days from this date. We can do it. I once knew a good sister in Green county, O, where the members undertook to build a church, who pledged and paid \$50.00 inside

of one year, and she had to earn it by working by the week. If we all had such heroic Christian faith and love, we would raise that in 15 days. Come one, come all. Don't do yourselves any harm, but let us make the Brethren in Washington City rejoice because we have helped the Lord's cause there, and I believe before the year is ended, the Lord will in his own way add \$10.00 to our wealth for the one we now give him. Who will be first to act. Send in your names by the hundred. Brother Lyon will have a list of the names published in the EVANGELIST. May the Lord help us all to act promptly in this good cause.

J. A. RIDENOUR.

Gleanings from the Wayside

In our last communication we were at the Poplar Grove church, Ind., just starting our meetings which continued for three weeks and grew in interest and numbers. Brother W. H. Miller came and stayed with us a week and preached some able sermons which were appreciated by the congregation. The result of the effort was six additions by baptism, one an invalid sister who was not strong enough to be taken to the river. The brethren secured a tank which answered very nicely for a baptistry and the services were pleasantly executed on Sunday at three P. M. We gathered on the bank of the Masisinewa, where in the presence of hundreds, the other five were buried in holy Christian baptism, confirmation services, in the evening with a deep spiritual interest much manifest and the church much encouraged.

This is a new organization of which brother Solomon Aukerman was a member, we feel his loss but the little band is moving on toward the promised land. Yesterday was our meeting day at College Corner, but in consequence of the funeral of brother Frank Kurtz, which took place at the Vernon G. B. church, there was no service until evening. The funeral services were largely attended. The obituary will appear in another column. One by one our brethren are crossing to the great beyond.

I've almost gained the Holy ranks
Of friends and kindred dear,
I've brushed the dew from Jordan's banks,
The crossing must be near.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

North Manchester, Ind.

Edna Mills, Ind.

Our cause at Edna Mills is growing in interest and church attendance. Toward the latter part of February we expect to commence a revival meeting there. We sincerely ask the church everywhere to pray for our success at that place. Our membership is small in number and poor in finance. On account of discouraging circumstances in the past, some have grown cold. May our prayers be for a great revival all around.

M. J. H. BAUMAN.

There must be that which is akin to truth in us if we are to believe truth.—Westcott.